

# EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ROBERT SAMPSON,

v.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY, *et al*,

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:22-cv-04490-JMA

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL STEVEN STEIN**

I, Michael Steven Stein, make the following declaration upon personal knowledge:

1. I am one of the attorneys representing Robert Sampson.
2. In this case, I was the lead author of the reply brief in support of the fee petition.
3. I have exercised billing judgment in deleting time that was redundant or inefficient while working on the reply brief.
4. Please see Exhibit 1 to this Affidavit for a true and accurate record of my time in the case after the exercise of billing discretion.
5. Stein & Vargas, LLP has also relied on paralegal assistance in the preparation of the reply brief. In the exercise of billing discretion, Stein & Vargas, LLP has fully discounted paralegal time in this matter.
6. I declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: October 6, 2023



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# EXHIBIT 1

**Sampson v. Stony Brook**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
9/25/2023	0.3	Initial review of Stony Brook's brief opposing fee petition/begin outlining response
9/26/2023	0.7	Continue outlining reply to Stony Brook's opposition to fee petition
9/27/2023	0.4	Zoom call with Mary Vargas discussing strategy for responding to Stony Brook's opposition to fee
9/28/2023	1.3	Begin drafting reply brief in response to Stony Brook's opposition to fee petition
9/29/2023	0.4	Continue drafting reply brief in response to Stony Brook's opposition to fee petition
9/30/2023	2.9	Continue drafting reply brief in response to Stony Brook's opposition to fee petition
10/4/2023	1.1	Revise reply brief in response to Stony Brook's opposition to fee petition
10/5/2023	1.0	Subcite, proofread reply brief
10/6/2023	0.2	Revise introduction to reply brief/final proofread

**Total**                      **8.3**  
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